

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-4, 40-42, 44-46, 82-88, 171-174 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: no prior art has been found to teach, disclose, or fairly suggest a composite article, comprising a tie layer comprising a coextrudable tie resin (CTR), wherein the CTR consists essentially of a copolymer of one or more C2-C10 alpha-olefins and one or more ethylenically copolymerizable amine-containing monomers as recited; in combination with all of the other limitations in claim 2, 44, and 172. The examiner is relying on Applicants' arguments on page 6, last paragraph, and page 7, 1st & 2nd paragraphs, of the Remarks as the basis for allowance.
3. The claims are also allowed due to the Terminal Disclaimer timely filed on 9/29/2008 to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection as unpatentable over Copending Application 10/469,072.
4. Note that Copending Application 10/472,871 has been abandoned. So the obviousness-type double patenting rejection as unpatentable over Copending Application 10/472,871 has been moot.
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-1080. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton I. Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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